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Public Meetings on the Gunnison County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Wednesday June 6th, 7-9 pm, Crested Butte Town Council Chambers, 507 Maroon Av,
Crested Butte
Thursday June 7th, 7-9 pm, Gunnison County Multipurpose Building (Main Room), 275 S.
Spruce, Gunnison

Two meetings to discuss the update of the Gunnison County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan will be held on June 6th and 7th. Citizens, elected officials, and emergency responder personnel are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meetings will be to discuss the update of the County's hazard mitigation plan, originally developed in 2003.

The plan identifies natural hazards such as floods, wildfires, avalanches, and landslides and assesses their potential impacts to people and property. The primary purpose of the plan is to outline strategies intended to reduce future losses from these hazards. The plan is being developed by the County under the guidance of the Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) with consultant assistance.

Participating jurisdictions include the City of Gunnison, Town of Crested Butte, Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Crested Butte South Metro District, Crested Butte Fire Protection District, and the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District.

Hazards have been identified and profiled using input from the planning team and other sources. A quantitative risk assessment has been completed for the more significant hazards, such as flood and wildfire, to detail the risk to the County and its communities. Public awareness of the effort and comment and input on the draft risk assessment and mitigation strategy is being sought at these meetings. For more information contact Scott Morrill at Gunnison County Emergency Management 970-641-2481 or smorrill@gunnisoncounty.org